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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

We live in a rural area where we cannot even call 3 miles away without paying long distance charges. Therefore, in order to cut costs while living on a farm income, we use our calling card the majority of the time. In addition, our TracFone is used only for emergency purposes or when it is important to speak to each other. We sent the TracFone route rather than a monthly cell phone fee since the TracFone fit within our ability to pay only for our usage needs rather than a monthly fee. Adding extra costs to our phone expenses would be very detrimental to us.

Sincerely,

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